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E.O.11652: GDS
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SUBJ: DE LABOUATE COMENTS ON THE LORENZ CASE

REF: BONN 13015 AND PREVIOUS

1. DE LABOULAYE TOLD AMBASSADOR HARTMAN AFTERNOON
AUGUST 10 THAT HE HAD CALLED IN GERMAN AMBASSADOR A
SECOND TIME TO COMPLAIN ABOUT FRG HANDLING OF THIS CASE.
HOWEVER HE HAD, AT THE SAME TIME, SUGGESTED A POSSIBLE
WAY OUT OF THE PRESENT IMPASSE WHICH DE LABOULAYE SAID
WENT TO THE LIMIT, AND PERHAPS BEYOND HIS OWN
INSTRUCTIONS.

2. DE LABOULAYE THEN OUTLINED PROPOSAL FOR WHICH HE
WOULD BE WILLING TO TRY TO GET GOF APPROVAL PROVIDED
BONN GROUP ACCEPTED IT AS A WHOLE. GIVEN GOF'S
IRRITATION OVER FRG HANDLING OF THE LORENZ CASE AND OF
SEVERAL OTHER RECENT BERLIN ISSUES, HE REITERATED THAT
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IT REPRESENTED MAXIMUM SOLUTION HE COULD SELL IN PARIS.

3. PROPOSAL CONTAINS THREE MAIN POINTS:

- A) HEAD OF FRG PROSECUTION OFFICE IN BERLIN SHOULD
BE NAMED FORMALLY AS HEAD OF THE PROSECUTION;
- B) THE THREE POWERS WOULD THEN ISSUE A STATEMENT
(NOT SIMPLY RESPOND TO PRESS QUESTIONS) REFERRING BACK

TO THE ALLIED STATEMENT OF JULY 12, 1976. IT WOULD FURTHER REEMPHASIZE THAT AT TRAIL HELD IN BERLIN ONLY BERLIN LAW APPLIES AND THAT IT TAKES PLACE UNDER THE FULL AUTHORITY OF ALLIED POWERS. DE LABOULAYE CONSIDERS SUCH A STATEMENT ESSENTIAL TO FEND OFF EXPECTED SOVIET CRITICISM, WHICH HE THINKS IS PROBABLY VALID.

C) LASTLY, FRG WOULD BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE HE BONN GROUP ASSURANCES THAT IT WOULD STOP THE VARIOUS RECENT "PIN-PRICKS" ON BERLIN -- SUCH AS THE BONN STATEMENT, THE MAYHOFER TRIP AND SIMILAR PROJECTED MINISTERIAL TRIPS.

4. DE LABOULAYE CONCLUDED THAT HE WAS PROVIDING US MORE DETAIL THAN HE HAD GIVEN THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR. HOWEVER, FOR BACKGROUND PURPOSES, HE WANTED THE DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY BONN TO HAVE FULL INSIGHT INTO FRENCH THINKING.

5. THE AMBASSADOR OF COURSE REMINDED DE LABOULAYE OF US VIEW THAT FRG POSITION DOES NOT ECHNICALLY CONTRAVENE THE Q.A. DE LABOULAYE REJOINED THAT AE MUST CONSIDER TOTALITY OF FRG ACTIONS IN THIS SITUATION AND THE DIFFICULTIES THEY CAUSE.
HARTMAN

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